

RESOLUTION NO. 18-8500

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018, FOR A VOTE ON ONE BALLOT MEASURE THAT, IF PASSED, WOULD AMEND SECTIONS 600 AND 700.1 AND ADD SECTION 700.2 TO THE SANTA CLARA CITY CHARTER

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

1. That pursuant to the requirements of the City Charter, there is called and ordered to be held in the City of Santa Clara, California, on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, a special municipal election placing one measure that, if passed, would amend Charter Sections 600 and 700.1 and add Section 700.2 to the Santa Clara City Charter;
2. That the ballot question read as follows:

MEASURE 1		
DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS/VOTING METHOD. Shall the City Charter be amended: to establish two districts starting in 2018 to be represented by three Council Members each; and, when available, use ranked choice voting to allow voters to select candidates in order of choice to determine the winners of elections of all city elected officers?	YES	
	NO	

3. That the measure read as follows:

The Charter of the City of Santa Clara shall be amended as follows:

Section 600 of the Charter of the City of Santa Clara is amended to be entitled and to read as follows:

Sec. 600 City elected officers.

No person shall be eligible to hold any the elective office in the City including of Mayor, City Council, Chief of the Police Department and or City Clerk, unless he or she is a resident and a qualified registered elector of the City. No person shall be eligible to hold the elective office of City Council Member other than Mayor unless he or she is a resident and a qualified elector of the City in the district represented by the Council Member office.

The elective officers of the City shall consist of a City Council composed of seven members, the Chief of the Police Department and the City Clerk. The members of the City Council, (which includes the office of the Mayor), the Chief of the Police Department and the City Clerk shall be elected from the City at-large at the times and in the manner provided in this Charter. Except as otherwise herein provided, a person elected to an office for other than an unexpired term shall serve a term of four years and shall serve until a successor is elected and qualified. The term shall commence on the date the City Council certifies the canvass of the election returns submitted to it by the County Registrar of Voters.

~~The person receiving the most votes cast for a particular City office shall be declared duly elected. Ties shall be broken as provided from time to time by ordinance.~~

The office of Mayor shall be separately voted upon and is a separate office. The person elected at any election to the office designated "Mayor" shall be deemed elected, both as a Mayor and as a member of the Council. Although the Mayor is a Council member, his or her election does not change the number of Council members from seven.

No person shall be a candidate for both Mayor and a City Council seat at the same election. However, an incumbent member of the City Council may run for the elective office of Mayor, and the Mayor may run for the separate office of Mayor or other City Council office. However, at no time shall a member of the Council, including the Mayor, hold more than one City elective office. Except as otherwise provided elsewhere in this Charter, no incumbent member of the City Council while serving in such office with an unexpired term of more than six months shall be a candidate for any numbered Council seat other than the one which he or she holds.

Section 700.1 of the Charter of the City of Santa Clara is amended to be entitled and to read as follows:

Sec. 700.1 Elections – City Council Designation of seats.

~~For purposes of City Council elections, each Council office shall be designated by an appropriate descriptive designation, as follows: The Council seat which on the effective date of this Section is occupied by the Mayor shall continue to be designated as "Mayor"; each of the other six seats, respectively, shall be designated as "Council Member Seat No. 2," "Council Member Seat No. 3," "Council Member Seat No. 4," "Council Member Seat No. 5," "Council Member Seat No. 6" and "Council Member Seat No. 7" respectively, and shall continue to be designated by the respective designation. The designation so given to each such office shall thereafter be used in all election, nomination papers, certificates of election, and other election papers pertaining or referring to such office, and to designate incumbency in such office.~~

Members of the City Council shall be elected by district. There shall be two districts to be known as District 1 and District 2, with elections to be conducted as follows:

- (a) Each District shall be represented by three (3) Council Members.

- (b) In the election to be held in November 2018, the voters of District 1 shall nominate and elect two (2) Council Members who meet the qualifications set forth in Section 600 of this Charter for four year terms each.
- (c) In the election to be held in November 2020, the voters of District 1 shall nominate and elect one (1) Council Member who meets the qualifications set forth in Section 600 of this Charter for a two year term; and the voters of District 2 shall nominate and elect three (3) Council Members who meet the qualifications set forth in Section 600 of this Charter for four year terms each.
- (d) In the election to be held in November 2022 and each district election held thereafter, the voters of District 1 shall nominate and elect three (3) Council Members who meet the qualifications set forth in Section 600 of this Charter for four year terms each.
- (e) In the election to be held in November 2024 and each district election held thereafter, the voters of District 2 shall nominate and elect three (3) Council Members who meet the qualifications set forth in Section 600 of this Charter for four year terms each.
- (f) The method by which Districts are to be drawn and redrawn and the method of voting for City Council shall be enacted by ordinance of the City Council. Upon any redistricting pursuant to the provisions of this section of the Charter or the ordinances enacted hereunder, each incumbent member of the Council will continue, during the remainder of the member's term, to hold office and represent the district by which the member was elected prior to such redistricting, notwithstanding any provision of Section 600 requiring a member to be a resident of the district represented by such member.

Section 700.2 of the Charter of the City of Santa Clara is amended to be entitled and to read as follows:

Section 700.2 Method of Elections.

- (a) In the general municipal election in November 2018 Members of the City Council shall be elected by the method of election set forth in Elections Code Section 15450.
- (b) The single transferable vote form of ranked choice voting shall be used for electing the Mayor, Police Chief, City Clerk and Members of the City Council in the general municipal election in November 2020 and all subsequent elections. If the Registrar of Voters will not be ready to implement ranked-choice balloting in November 2020, then the City shall use the method of election provided for in Elections Code Section 15450 until the Registrar of Voters is able to implement ranked-choice voting.

(c) The City Council shall, by ordinance, establish the ballot format and the rules for casting and counting the vote.

4. That in accordance with Section 700 of the City Charter, sections 12101 and 12111 of the California Elections Code, and section 6061 of the California Government Code, the City Clerk or designee is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City Council to cause notice of the time and place of the holding of the election to be published once in the *Santa Clara Weekly*, a newspaper of general circulation, printed, published, and circulated in the City of Santa Clara and hereby designated for that purpose by the City Council of Santa Clara.

5. That the City Clerk or designee is hereby authorized and directed to certify to the due adoption of this Resolution.

6. **That this Resolution supersedes Resolution No. 18-8491.**

7. Effective date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF HELD ON THE 6th DAY OF MARCH 2018, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:


AYES: COUNCILORS: Caserta, Davis, Kolstad, O'Neill, Watanabe and Mayor Gillmor

NOES: COUNCILORS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILORS: Mahan

ABSTAINED: COUNCILORS: None

ATTEST:


JENNIFER YAMAGUMA
ACTING CITY CLERK
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

Attachments incorporated by reference: None